

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 4-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 23 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner To in the August 2, 2005 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. Restriction Requirement**

At the August 2 personal interview, the Examiner asserted a Restriction Requirement between the following: Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12 and 22-23; Group II, claims 9, 13-15 and 24; and Group III, claims 16-21 and 25-26. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12 and 22-23 with traverse, because adequate reasons for the Restriction Requirement, as of yet, do not appear on the record. This election was also communicated to the Examiner by telephone on August 12.

**II. Claim Amendments**

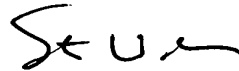
During the personal interview, Applicants' representatives traversed the rejection of claims 1-6, 9-17 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over US 20010055944 to Bates et al. and the rejection of claims 7, 8 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bates in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,718 to Stewart. Applicants' representatives also discussed claims 23-26. In reply, the Examiner requested that claims 1 and 23 be amended to affirmatively recite that the notification function is performed by the information notification unit recited in claims 1 and 23. Accordingly, claims 1 and 23 have been amended. Based on the amendments to claims 1 and 23 and the arguments presented during the personal interview (which were based on the arguments presented in the June 28 Amendment), neither Bates nor Stewart disclose or suggest all of the features recited in the claims.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment filed June 28, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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